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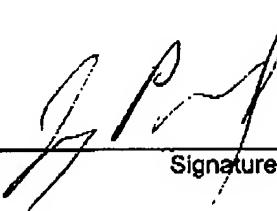
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SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Communication mailed June 1, 2005, and substitutes the Preliminary Amendment filed February 24, 2005. The Communication erroneously states that a February 10, 2005 Amendment shows amendments based on the wrong pending claim set. The Communication also refers to a Final Office Action dated April 23, 2004, and a Request for Continued Examination filed on August 23, 2004. No papers were mailed by or submitted to the USPTO on any of these dates (i.e., April 23, 2004, August 23, 2004, or February 10, 2005).

In fact, a Request for Continued Examination was filed on January 31, 2005 entering an Amendment filed on November 19, 2004. The claim amendments in the February 24, 2005

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Preliminary Amendment were based on the claims presented in the November 19, 2004 Amendment.

Applicants gratefully thank Supervisory Examiner Christopher Low and Examiner Jagoe for the courtesies shown during the telephone interviews today regarding the June 1, 2005 Communication. During the telephone interviews, the aforementioned errors were noted by the Examiners. It was also noted that claim 17 in the February 24, 2005 Preliminary Amendment included the identifier "previously presented", when in fact the claim was new. This error is corrected in the present Substitute Preliminary Amendment.

Before examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.